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By Senators Kilmer, Delvin, Kastama, Shin, Kauffman, Marr, Murray, Kohl-Welles, Hobbs and Tom

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a civic education travel grant program;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The civic education travel grant program is created to provide
7 travel grants to students participating in statewide, regional,
8 national, or international civic education competitions or events.

9 (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall allocate grants
10 under the program established in this section from private donations or
11 with amounts appropriated for this specific purpose. The grants shall
12 be awarded on a competitive basis.

13 (3) The superintendent of public instruction may contract with
14 independent review panelists and establish an advisory panel to
15 evaluate and make recommendations to the superintendent of public
16 instruction based on grant applications.

17 (4) The superintendent of public instruction shall select grant
18 recipients from student applicants that meet all of the following
19 criteria:

- 1 (a) Students must be residents of the state of Washington;
- 2 (b) Students must use the grants to fund travel to civic education-
3 based competitions or events;
- 4 (c) Students must be participants in the civic education
5 competition or event; and
- 6 (d) Students must be under the age of twenty-one and not yet have
7 received their high school diploma.
- 8 (5) Students are encouraged to seek matching funds, in-kind
9 contributions, or other sources of support to supplement their travel
10 expenses.
- 11 (6) Applicants must include in the grant application the following:
- 12 (a) A brief description of the civic education competition or
13 event;
- 14 (b) A brief description of what the applicant expects to learn from
15 the competition or event;
- 16 (c) The total travel costs and how much the applicant is requesting
17 from the program; and
- 18 (d) The total amount of matching funds the applicant has already
19 secured or expects to secure.
- 20 (7) The superintendent of public instruction may adopt other
21 criteria as appropriate for the review of grant proposals. In
22 reviewing student applications for funding, scoring shall be based on
23 an evaluation of all application materials that may be requested of
24 applicants. The superintendent of public instruction shall consider
25 the overall breadth and variety of the field of applicants to determine
26 the projects that would best fulfill the program's goal. Final grant
27 awards may be for the full amount of the grant requests or for a
28 portion of the grant request.
- 29 (8) The office of the superintendent of public instruction may
30 accept gifts, grants, or endowments from public or private sources for
31 the program and may spend any gifts, grants, or endowments or income
32 from public or private sources according to their terms.

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